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## NATIONAL CITY BANK

55 Wall St.

W. W. Hoffman.
A. L. Hoffman.

G-2 has received numerous reports signed 4-12.

Contact established late in 1918, when Capt. Townsend called on Mr. Stillman, then president.

In May, 1920, Major Miles asked to be put on the mailing list for publications. This was apparently done.

In November, 1920, A. L. Hoffman sent copies of cable reports on general conditions, offering to continue this cooperation. Major Miles acknowledged this, giving information relative to the kind of material desired.

August 27, 1921, Maj. Churchill requested W. W. Hoffman to supply G-2 regularly with circular letter on economic conditions and requested list of foreign representatives.

September, 1921 - letters to Colonels Mott and Thomas, re visit of Mr. Charles E. Mitchell, president, to France and Belgium. Similar letter to M/A, Cuba, Jan., 1922. M/A, Belgium, did not see Mr. Mitchell, but Ambassador did.

Sept., 1921 - G-2 asked W. W. Hoffman for information on national wealth of various countries and Mr. Hoffman furnished a memorandum on the subject prepared by the bank's statistician.

Sept., 1921 - G-2 asked for suggestions re establishing contact with Guaranty Trust Co. and was put in contact with Mr. Sisson.

October, 1921 - letters to M/A's directing establish contacts with bank's representatives.

January, 1922 - G-2 furnished W. W. Hoffman with estimates on Cuba, Germany and Russia.

January, 1922 - Maj. Churchill wrote W. W. Hoffman that Maj. Van Natta had been requested to give him information re Spain, and suggested see Mr. Archer Huntington and Mr. Joseph Camprubi. Letter to Maj. Van Natta.

February 18, 1922 - A. L. Hoffman wrote that W. W. Hoffman was leaving country and suggested contact be continued through himself. Major Churchill requested to be put in touch with officials concerned with collection and collation of information from abroad. A. L. Hoffman advises to see Mr.

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James H. Carter, Vice President, if he himself is out of town when Maj. Churchill calls in March.

March 20, 1922 - Mr. A. L. Hoffman sick and absent also on March 24. No interview with this bank. None necessary, because contact is considered at present satisfactory.

- March 30 let. from Mr. Hoffman asking for names of representatives who have cooperated, in order that he might write them on subject; April 15 letter to Mr. Hoffman, giving above information.
- April 21 letter from Mr. Hoffman advising foreign branch managers have been instructed to cooperate. Also that Mr. C. R. Bennett, Peking representative, will call. Mr. Bennett called April 26 and was put in touch with M.I.2.
- May 8 letter to Mr. A. L. Hoffman, giving information from M/A, Panama, that he is in favorable contact with Bank's representatives.